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Students To Strike

Nanking, May 26.
After lengthy discussions at a mass meeting held here, the students decided last night to call a one-week strike beginning today, which will have, as one of its main objectives, the protest against the arrest of students in Shanghai.
This move represents the "next step" which the student federation announced that it would take if the Government failed to comply with its ultimatum.
During the period of the strike, student delegates will make a special "anti-civil war" appeal to the Peoples Political Council.—
Reuter.

Race Tips

By "The Turf"

FIRST RACE

Jacobus
Resalder
Mesa
Outsider—Nigger

SECOND RACE

Normandy
Emperor's Gate
Kelly
Outsider—Jackal

THIRD RACE

Kim
Fifth Alarm
Thunderbolt
Outsider—Jeep Hing

FOURTH RACE

Flying Arrow
Peggy
Hoi Polloi
Outsider—Eastern Diamond

Races Still On

The Telegraph was informed just before going to press that, despite the heavy overnight and morning rain, it was intended to hold the second half of the Whitman race meeting at Happy Valley this afternoon. The course is heavy, but not flooded.

FIFTH RACE

Norse Queen
Lily
Daisy Bell

SIXTH RACE

Speedway
Avalon
Sunshine

SEVENTH RACE

Airfield
Sunny
Rosebud

EIGHTH RACE

Crown Witness
Canary
Midnight Express

Outsider—Flying Wheel.

EDITORIAL

Party Politics Play A Part

PARTY politics, especially as practised in Britain, have long been subject to sneers and jeers by those who believe the system to be archaic and obstructive. Recent events in the Home Office political arena have offered new opportunities for these critics who tauntingly point to the spectacle of the Conservative opposition, after fighting the Labour government's nationalisation bills tooth and nail, announcing that, if returned to power, it would not denationalise the coal mines or the Bank of England, but would certainly remove from the Statute Book similar measures enforced against steel and kindred industries. There you have, say the critics, a typical example of the vacillation and hypocrisy fostered by party politics. The viewpoint is shallow and shortsighted. More accurate would it be to ascribe the Opposition's volte face to the ability of a party to adapt its policies to the will of the people. The Tories' new platform is a retreat from their traditional championing of private and vested interests, but it is an honourable concession to what plainly is majority opinion. The same can be said of the Home Office's decision to support the Government's bill to nationalise

INDIANS MUST FIND THEIR OWN FREEDOM

Gandhi's Advice To His Countrymen

New Delhi, May 25.

Mohandas Gandhi, Indian spiritual leader, said tonight that the answer to the freedom of India was in the hands of the Indians themselves and "not in London."

Returning from Patna, Gandhi said in a post-prayer speech: "The kohinoor of Indian freedom is in our hands. No body can snatch it away from us not even the collective force of Russia, America and Britain. It is we Indians people who have to find a solution to our problems."

Referring to Viceroy Viscount Mountbatten's conversations with the British cabinet in London, Gandhi said it was no use for the Indians to look to London for a solution to their political problems. Gandhi said he had heard of a plan for a sovereign Bengal proposed by Sarat Bose of the All-India Congress and H.S. Suhrawardy of the Muslim League, but he declined to elaborate on his previous statements.

According to Gandhi, Suhrawardy soon will see Mohammed Ali Jinnah, who will make a decision on the Bengal proposal. Gandhi emphasised that the Working Committee of the Congress party already knew his stand on the Indian question, thus he would not elaborate at this time. He came to New Delhi, he said at the request of the Congress party because its leaders wanted him to be available during the forthcoming discussions.—United Press.

LEADERS GATHER

New Delhi, May 25.

Indian leaders were already gathering here today for last-minute talks in readiness for the momentous meeting, eight days from now, at which they will hear from the Viceroy the British Government's latest plan for transferring power to Indians.

Mahatma Gandhi arrived here today by rail from Patna in response to a specific invitation from Pandit Nehru. The Interim Government is anxious that Mr. Gandhi should be present at a special Congress working committee meeting called before June 2.

Pandit Nehru is arriving here tomorrow from Musamorli, a hill station in the United Provinces. Admiral Lord Mountbatten was expected to leave for India on Thursday with the plan approved by the Cabinet last Friday.

As the stage was being set in New Delhi for the meeting at which the Indian leaders will be called upon to receive Britain's plan for withdrawal and eventually to make their own choice on India's future, a new wave of communal rioting, which has been sweeping India from coast to coast, continued today.

The Moslem League's "Volunteer Army," armed with rifles, revolvers and double-barrelled guns, today paraded the streets of Peshawar, capital of the North-west Frontier Province, a Peshawar despatch said.

MOSLEM RIOTERS

Thirty miles northwest of Peshawar, Moslem League rioters dynamited

ed a frontier road bridge and smashed the windows of the judges' court at Marban, where there were incidents last week.

Two men, two women and two children, all Hindus, were injured when a hand-grenade exploded in Kohat last night, a Northwest Frontier Government communiqué said today.

In Assam, where the Congress Ministry is conducting a campaign against Moslem "squatters," on pre-seized lands, troops and elephants have been used to destroy the 500 houses built by the "squatters," leaving homeless 1,500 people, according to a member of the All-India Working Committee of the Moslem League, quoted in a Calcutta despatch.

The civil disobedience movement started by the Moslem League against the Congress Party Ministry in Assam continued and demonstrators were being arrested almost daily for leading processions and shouting slogans.

An effort to smooth over the difficulties in the mountain state of Kashmir was made today by Mr. D. Kripplani, Congress President, when he called on the people of the state to drop their "Quit Kashmir" campaign against their Maharajah. They should demand a People's State under their own ruler, he said. Congress had raised the "Quit India" slogan against the British as they were foreigners, but the ruler of Kashmir was a son of the soil and had every right to live in Kashmir.—Reuter.

INDIA'S ARMED FORCES

New Delhi, May 25.

A division of India must inevitably result in a division of the Indian armed forces, Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister in the Indian Interim Government, said in an interview today, adding:

"If we have to nationalise and at the same time divide the armed forces, it is going to have a terrible effect on the army and the country."

Such a division, he said, was not in the interests of either part of a divided India, but a division was inevitable as it would be "highly advisable" to have a joint army for Hindu and Moslem India. (Continued on Page 4)

SHINWELL IS HECKLED

London, May 25.

The Minister of Fuel, Mr. Ernest Shinwell, told a raucous heckling audience tonight that if Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden, instead of the Labour Party, had been running the government, Britain today would be deep in an "industrial strife on a scale never before experienced."

The Fuel Minister had to shout at times to be heard above the "cat-calling" crowd.

Speaking at a rally on the eve of the Labour party conference opening, Mr. Shinwell said, "We have been spared the obscene presence of a Tory government in power. We must go forward in our goal and the nifty-pammy timid spirits in our own party must be prevented. We decline to apologise for what has been done. Mistakes have been made but we are making endeavour to try to lay the foundation of a better order of society."

Someone shouted, "Why don't you sit down, but Shinwell merely threw the heckler a cold look and raised his voice."

"What is the alternative to a Labour government," he asked and then answered, "The Tory government led by that garrulous old gentleman Mr. Churchill or by the Debonaire Minister Eden."

Another heckler interrupted with, "We should not have been here now if it had not been for Churchill."

Shinwell retorted, "You should not be here now if it had not been for the collective efforts of the workers of Great Britain. No one man can win the war by his own efforts."

A number of hecklers started speaking at once forcing the Fuel Minister to discontinue for some time.—United Press.

Two Killed In Fire

Tokyo, May 25.

Two British Commonwealth officers were killed in a big fire which razed the officers' mess of the British Commonwealth Air Group at Iwakuni, southern Japan, early today.

Scores of other officers in pyjamas and dressing gowns escaped by sliding down ropes and jumping from windows.

The blaze spread across the road and set a hangar alight but troops assisted by Japanese firemen fought the flames, which were brought under control before they had spread to the main administrative buildings.

No aircraft were damaged. Today's fire is the most serious in a wave of some 20 which have swept the BCOF area in recent months. The authorities are seriously concerned by the situation which is believed to be due to faulty building construction and exposed electrical wiring rather than to sabotage as rumoured earlier.—Reuter.

Armistice Rejected

Viet Namhese Spurn French Offer

Saigon, May 26.

The Viet Namhese government radio reported today that Indo-Chinese insurgents had received and rejected an armistice offer from the French High Commissioner, Emile Bollaert.

The announcement broadcast by the secret "voice of Viet Namh" station said the proposed armistice terms were presented last week to the Viet Namh president, Ho Chi Minh, by Professor Paul Mas, acting as the envoy of Bollaert.

The "unacceptable" French terms, the broadcast said, included the surrender of Viet Namh arms to the French military authorities and freedom for the French to move troops anywhere in Indo-Chinese territory.

Ho rejected the terms as "tantamount to surrender" and his reply to the offer was a fresh call to his followers to resist the French. The Viet Namh radio said.—Associated Press.

INTERIM PLAN

Saigon, May 25.

An interim plan of associating "non-party men" with the administration of the northern Viet Namh provinces of Tonkin and Annam, pending a long-term settlement with the "leaders of all political parties" is being engaged the attention of the French High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, according to semi-official reports.

Although M. Bollaert has now studied the whole political situation and completed contacts with nearly all representative leaders in Indo-China, he is "prepared to wait until the men and the groups who are against Dr. Ho Chi Minh's violent and totalitarian methods have had time to come together," these sources stated.

While diplomatic circles were of the opinion that the "High Commissioner's hesitation in view of the recent dissolution of the Communists from the French Government and also because most of the French officials and business interests do not favour peace with the revolutionaries," the spokesman of the Viet Namhese resistance movement in Cochinchina declared: "We know M. Bollaert is playing a deep political game, but he is mistaken if he regards our anxiety for peace as a sign of our weakness."

"We are certain that ultimately the French must settle with Dr. Ho Chi Minh because he is the only leader who can deliver the goods on behalf of the whole Viet Namh nation."—Reuter.

EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE

Cairo, May 25.

Five people were killed and 14 injured in an explosion which wrecked a match factory at Calicut, 30 miles north of Cairo today. The police are investigating.

The force of the explosion blew off the roof and ceiling which fell on workers and staff of the factory.—Reuter.

A Message Of "Candid Friendship"

Appeal To Germans

Essen, May 25.

In a message of "candid friendship" to the Germans, Lord Pakenham, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister Responsible for the British Zone of Germany, told a press conference here today of "a new era" that was opening in the history of the British and American zones of Germany.

Britain's hand of friendship was "stretched out in half way" especially towards the younger generation of Germans.

"Even your best friends, however, beg you to realise that the war was a crime, the memory of which we are looking to the Germany of today to wipe out," he said.

"I ask you Germany's spiritual opportunity has come. Germany's weakness is her spiritual opportunity. Never believe that the whole world is against you. The German people have great qualities of endurance. In the past this quality and others has been often turned towards evil ends."

"I believe that if the goal is provided the same qualities of endurance, patience and hard work will be used towards that goal."

"I feel that a great and clear hope lies before Germany in the next few months, and everything that Britain can do to help will be done."

ISOLATION DEPLORED

Lord Pakenham deplored the isolation by the rest of Europe during the last two years and appealed for closer relationships between the young people of Germany and Great Britain.

"Everything possible that can be done to arrange visits between the two countries will be done," he said. "It is a heavy responsibility on all the Allies to help break down the isolation of Germany."

A statement of the "greatest importance" for the future of Western Germany was to be issued next Tuesday. He declined to specify to what it would refer, but said it would be more important than any issued recently.

Some observers tonight linked Lord Pakenham's promise of an important statement with the talk of a "new era," but no confirmation was available.

Lord Pakenham spent the afternoon touring the Ruhr with high British officials and with the Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. J. H. Jones, who it was disclosed, was appointed his Parliamentary Private Secretary before the present trip to the express wish of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

During his afternoon tour, Lord Pakenham visited the worst slum districts of Essen, the German industrial city, and accompanied German newspaper reporters on an unscheduled trip to a shelter dwelling where a woman was frozen to death last January.—Reuter.

Carmona Becomes A Marshal

Lisbon, May 25.

The President, General Antonio Carmona, was promoted to Marshal today on the anniversary of the national revolution.

The army is to give him a gold baton.—United Press.

England's Overwhelming Soccer Victory

Lisbon, May 25.

England beat Portugal 10-0 in the first full soccer international between the two countries played here today.

England led Portugal 6-0 at half-time.

The match was played in the magnificent national stadium here this evening.

Lawton and Mortensen scored four and Finney and Matthews one each. In spite of the great heat, the game was played at a cracking pace throughout.

Although soundly beaten, the Portuguese never gave up trying, and their lively forwards were always dangerous but England's defence was in magnificent form. Swift, in particular, has never played better and a Portuguese soccer said: "He must be the best goalkeeper in the world."

Greek And Albanian Ships In Gun Duel

Athens, May 25.

A gun duel between an Albanian ship and the Greek island of Corfu off the Albanian coast was reported today in a telegram from Corfu to the Greek Ministry of Public Order, the Athens News Agency said.

The telegram said that on May 22, an Albanian ship approached Corfu and, after an exchange of fire with shore detachments, withdrew towards the Albanian coast.

An Albanian report that two Greek planes had attacked the Albanian town of Koriza, nine miles west of the Greek border, was denied today by M. P. Kanellopoulos, the Greek Air Minister.

Another report that Greek planes flew over Albanian territory was also categorically denied by the Greek Department of Information.

On May 21, the Department said, Greek planes attacked 500 guerrillas within Greek territory but only a short distance from the Albanian frontier.

These guerrillas had retired to Albanian territory, probably taking with them their killed and wounded, it added.—Reuter.

AMERICA TURNS HER ATTENTION TO THE FAR EAST

Washington, May 25.

Authoritative sources reported today that the Far East situation is now receiving more high level official attention than it has for many months.

During the past week three facets of Asiatic questions were the subjects of attention by Secretary of State George C. Marshall and some of his top advisers. These three were: the Japanese peace treaty; economic assistance for the Chinese Central Government; and Soviet-American negotiations for the unification of Korea.

Well-informed sources expect the United States to solidify its ideas on the Japanese treaty within the next few weeks and to start sounding out other governments on procedure. Numerous groups of political and economic specialists on expert level have been working for months on various details of the question of just what of peace with Japan the United States wants. These details now are being co-ordinated into a master plan which is expected to be completed soon.

Although the United States idea on the date and place for convening a peace conference still remains to be finalized, the consensus is that the Americans will suggest next autumn with either Washington or San Francisco site, probably the latter. Suggestions from some military officials that Tokyo might be a good place have met no appreciable sympathy here.

QUESTION OF NUMBERS

As for what nations will participate in writing the treaty, current American thinking tends to the idea of having this done by the 11-member nations of the Far Eastern Commission. Some officials think this will be too unwieldy group to accomplish the task in good time, and are urging a smaller group.

However, it appears certain the United States will resist strongly any demands that any Big Four or five nations write the Japanese treaty. It is recognised here, that nations such as Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines contributed a great deal more to the longer period of time to the defeat of the Japanese than did some of the big powers.

Attention is focussed anew on the China loan question, while Gen. Marshall said he had given it a great amount of thought since returning from Moscow and was seeking a method of economic assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek government which would meet with the approval of Congress and the taxpayers.

Chinese officials here believe they have a good chance of getting part of the earmarked \$500,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan released before it expires on June 30 and also of getting the deadline extended. Gen. Marshall's statement, however, indicated he was thinking more along the line of straight Congressional authorised diplomatic aid such as is being given Greece and Turkey.

CHINA'S OPPORTUNITY

Gen. Marshall indicated he thought Generalissimo Chiang had made some progress in liberalising his government and future developments might be such as warrant American economic assistance to the Central Government.

Officials here admit there still is a chance the Chinese could secure some of the Export-Import Bank funds if they submitted a satisfactory project plan for the use of the money. Some observers believe it is possible that the United States may release some portion of the Export-Import Bank loan after checking on the projects and later go into China with large economic assistance programmes under American administration, if the political situation in China improves.

Meanwhile State Department officials made no secret of their displeasure with the activities of Dr. Syngman Rhee just as the Americans and Russians were resuming the long delayed negotiations to it is possible that the United States will not wreck the plan for a unified Korea under a provisional government, delaying independence for a number of years.

Dr. Rhee's attitude is considered by United States officials as all the more regrettable because they believe the way to approach the problem is to get a unified Korean government set up first and then discuss the trusteeship question with the Koreans. There is some sentiment in the Department for trying to get the Russians—after a provisional government is set up—to agree to a brief period of trusteeship which would be less odious to the Koreans than a trusteeship. However, it is emphasised that determination of this, which would be done in consultation with the Koreans themselves, cannot be accomplished until a provisional government is set up.—United Press.

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It is hard to believe that Queen Mary is in her eightieth year.

Since last autumn, she has visited several exhibitions (ranging from Oriental ceramics to architecture). She has heard Gligli singing at Covent Garden, and seen Vivien Leigh in "The Skin of Our Teeth." She has attended the gala premieres of more than one film, and been to the movies in a suburban cinema.

In addition she has carried out several other public engagements, including a two-hour visit to the Tower of London.

If few people of Queen Mary's age would attempt such an active programme, certainly none would be able to fulfil it with such unflagging interest and unfailing dignity of bearing.

It is strange to recall that, as a girl, the health of young "May Teck" gave considerable concern to her family.

The vivacious and talented Duchess of Teck laid down a strict regime to conserve her

daughter's strength. "A girl has enough to do," she said, "to learn obedience and attend her lessons and to grow, without many parties and late hours, which take the freshness of girlhood away."

May Teck grew up shy and earnest, but with a compelling beauty of her own. There was not time to pine for more

parties, even if they were missed. For, about this time, Princess May became aware of the severe gaps in her education left after the best efforts of her governesses.

One of these, a volatile Alsatian, known as Madame Bricka, helped the Princess to undertake a long course of study, in which she read steadily for six hours a day for several years.

The future Queen paid such attention to the blue books on sweated labour in the London slums that years later her knowledge of social conditions astonished the wives of Socialist Ministers.

In 1891, at the age of 24, the Princess became engaged to Prince Edward, the Duke of Clarence. Tragedy followed. Within a month the Duke died

during an influenza epidemic. Princess May went into seclusion, and lived in the South of France for some months.

On her return, however, it became known that she was often with Prince George, now heir-presumptive to the throne. Eventually, in 1893, the engagement was announced.

As Duchess of York and later as Princess of Wales, the wife of the heir-presumptive had to fit into a pattern of life far more rigid than before.

George V spoke of her when he addressed his first Privy Council after the Coronation in 1910. "I have in my dear wife one who will be a constant help-meet."

The Queen Mother, who celebrates her 80th birthday today, is still one of the most active women in the Empire. At right is a picture of Her Majesty taken recently when she attended the premiere of "School for Secrets" at the Odeon in London. This tribute to a great lady and a very human personality is by

CHARLES WINTOUR

Right faithfully did the Queen stand by him during his long, and at times anxious, reign.

THE nation remembers her work for the sick and wounded during the first world war, her devoted nursing at the bedside of George V., and the unparalleled dignity and good sense with which she faced the Abdication crisis. During dark days her courage and steadfast bearing gave comfort to all who were troubled.

In the second world war she made the West Country her particular province. She visited numberless war factories, stopping to give lifts to GIs, land girls and factory hands along the way. She led her own working party which produced 432 articles for the troops, per-

sonally knitting over 100 scarves for the officers of her regiment, the Queen's Own.

There was hardly a cottage in the neighbourhood of Badminton whom she did not visit, without notice and without ceremony. And in her spare time, such as it was, she worked in the woods, wielding a double-handed saw, with one of her four devoted despatch riders at the other end.

TO-DAY Queen Mary is the most loved and most remarkable woman in Britain.

Surely if any public servant deserves some relaxation, it is that great lady and very human personality.



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE Eugenics Society and the London County Council between them have, psychologically speaking, split a tubful.

Here are some words from a survey recently published: "Of the variance exhibited by measurements of the hypothetical factor underlying all cognitive tests, one half at the very least is attributable to nature as distinct from nurture." And a leader writer, commenting on this goblet of spuddergasm, says: "He is probably conservative in his view." My advice to all who feel the fierce worm of psychology gnawing at their vitals is to go on measuring hypothetical factors until the cows come home and trample the whole thing into the byre.

More progressive thought

It is more important that the healthy (especially the young) should be kept well than that the desperately sick should have a miserable existence prolonged by a few months.

I HOPE the Ministry of Health will appreciate this support; especially as it comes from a B.S.C.

Whales at pasture

HAVING been decided that whalemeat is as delicious as beef, I hope the Ministry of Agriculture, in their capacity as the Ministry of Fisheries, will see that our farmers breed whales instead of cattle, thus utilizing flooded land, and giving employment to those know-all longshoremen. But I note that a cook, in an unguarded moment, has said that if your bit of roast whale tastes of cod-liver oil you must soak it in vinegar water.

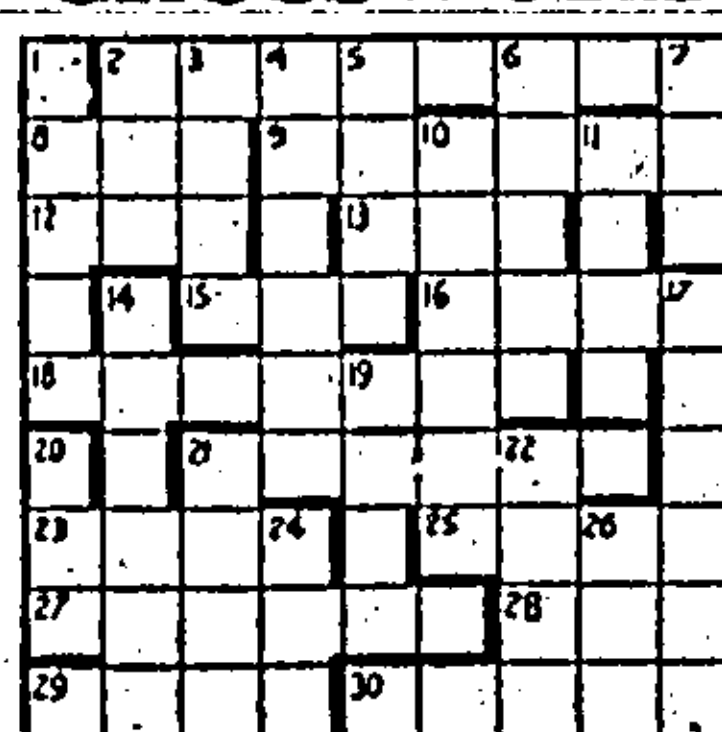
In passing

HAVING watched an American film more closely than usual I have come to the conclusion that American films are execrable, not merely because the stories are so stupid, but because the people in them do not act. They go through a number of motions, and utter certain stock phrases, always in the same way. Watch any American film. You will know what is going to be said, and how it will be said. I believe there is a list of phrases, with the accompanying gestures, in every American studio.

For connoisseurs

A WINE-DRINKER saw in a shop a window a cobwebby, dusty bottle labeled, "Finest old crusted tawny claret-type," or words to that effect. The price was a few shillings. He went in and asked what the stuff was. He was told it was a very old vintage claret-type, something between a port and a sherry. There the matter rested, when he left the shop.

CROSSWORD



Across

- 2, 1 and 10. Fit on a cheering angel (anagram) and a very fitting one.
3. Broken promise.
4. That a gap in it.
5. By no means an old animal.
6. May prove catching.
7. Initially explosive.
8. Metal.
9. Always in the steam.
10. You may say that the U.S.A. is over there.
11. Nothing makes father so decorous.
12. Very strong.
13. Direct.
14. Some joint.
15. You're lucky to find this sort of a house nowadays.

Down

1. See 2 Across.
2. Amusement.
3. What an awkward fellow he is.
4. A pretty sort of colour.
5. Rate.
6. Look for a change.
7. Looks as though you get ease here.
8. The hat-way stage.
9. To may be a tumbler.
10. A German in a German river.
11. To fire it's ambitious.
12. Hope you didn't miss this.
13. What you may expect the Bishop to notice.
14. Sometimes before, sometimes above the way.

Japan's secret societies are breaking out again

BY RICHARD HUGHES

JAPAN'S dangerous secret societies are afloat again.

Officially dissolved on surrender by MacArthur decree, they promptly went underground, clutching much of their secret funds.

In seclusion, they bided their time, distributed their yen among headmen of each society, contacted and enrolled unemployed young officers as they were discharged from the army, conducted secret meetings, organized an underground cadre, linked up with Japan's respectable and long-accepted crime ring and exploited to the full the Oriental's traditional weakness for secret societies.

Already some of them are re-emerging into the open, applying with guile and impudence for registration as "political" or "cultural" (that lovely Japanese word) bodies.

The following bodies, now exploratively feeling their way back into the open, can be named definitely as resurgent, ultra-nationalistic Japanese secret societies of the worst pre-war brand, avowedly contemptuous of the strange new concept of Democracy which the great mass of the Japanese people are bewildered seeking to recognise and understand.

The Shin-ei Taihuto, or "Elite of the New Masses Party." The Advance Guard of the Democratic League. The Kokumin-to, or "People's Party (no relation to the People's Party in the Diet). The history and record of the Elite of the New Masses Party

roughly sets the same pretty pattern for these three societies.

It has already been responsible for two attempted knife assassinations. The identity of the two intended victims is instructive.

One was Katsumi Kikanumi, the tough, able Red boss of the Congress of Industrial Organisations, Japan's strongest and most aggressive union federation (1,600,000 members). He was stabbed by two young thugs who interviewed him in an attempt to dissuade him from calling a strike.

The other was a leading film director, who had prepared a documentary picture, "The Tragedy of Japan," which involved the Emperor with the common war guilt of the Japanese people.

The thugs surrendered as "patriots" to the Japanese police in the best pre-war tradition of the murderous young Army officers who, as members of the notorious Black Dragon society, arrogantly boasted responsibility for the assassination of liberal or anti-war Japanese statesmen.

The two knifemen who seriously wounded Kikanumi brought with them to police headquarters a strong, smooth individual who gave his name as Yasutoshi Maki and claimed to be the president of the Elite of the New Masses.

Maki-san explained that the Elite was a properly registered "cultural" society. He had been refused permission by the Japanese Government to register as a "political" society. He was angry about that refusal.

The knifemen called him "the Master." They attributed their at-

tack on Kikanumi to their loyalty to "the Master" and to their worship of the "Greater East Asia" badges and their society's cultural motto, they testified, was: Strong bodies produce strong thoughts.

The police thoughtfully locked them up and investigated Master Maki-san's organisation more thoroughly.

They could not determine its actual strength but they learned that many members were former Army officers, that the Party published a propaganda sheet which blackmailed unwilling advertisers, and that one committee, co-operating with the local gang boss as a vigilante corps, extorted "protection" money from local shopkeepers.

Maki-san unsuccessfully ran for the Diet at the last elections—on the Liberal ticket. He was drinking sake at the Japanese Liberal Party's headquarters when his two representatives had their ideological discussion with Kikanumi.

An ex-Communist named Gaku Sano leads the Advance Guard of the Democratic League. It frankly seeks a return to Japanese imperialism in Asia.

Sano-san, in a recent encyclical, declared: "All people are equal under the Emperor and all people in Asia should be treated equally under the Emperor."

A Japanese newspaper exposed the Kokumin-to, or People's Party. It is demonstrably the old, dissolved terrorist organisation, the East Asia League.

Characteristic public comment by its leaders: "We must make this meeting as glorious an occasion as

the honourable birth of the Nazi Party at Munich. In the near future there will be a great war between Russia and the United States and Britain. The Tanno will again reign as Emperor of the world."

The strength of these bodies—and other similar secret societies which still remain plotting underground—lies in their ineradicable and essentially Japanese fanaticism, their hidden financial resources totalling millions of yen, their easily maintained tyranny over the regimented Japanese people and their appeal to vindictive Army officers.

The influence can be seen behind strike-breaking and anti-labour activity and they have a ready-made enemy awaiting them in the fledgling but equally resolute Japanese Communist Party.

Most significantly, they have all whipped up the old "allegiance to the Holy Emperor" battle-cry, which was the main-spring of their terrorism before and during the war.

Occupation counter-intelligence officers are watching these secret societies closely, but while they remain underground their ramifications are hidden and elusive, and when they emerge arrests and examinations leave the baffled impression of merely lopping off the tentacles of an octopus whose evil heart, body and menace remain secret and unscathed.

As the Tokyo daily, the Asahi Shimbun, editorialised with mixed metaphor but crystal-clear meaning: "How will the Allied powers regard this germ of Fascism which shows among our people as secret societies after the democratic revolution was started one and a half years ago? Where there is a germ, there must be a root!"

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THIS AND THAT!

From Left to Right! Do you know that a Bride wears her Engagement Ring on her Right hand, not her Left, during the wedding ceremony? This is to leave her traditional "third finger, left hand" free for the Wedding Band. In olden days the diamond ring was called the "Keeper Ring" because it was worn next to the wedding band to keep it from being lost.

That Figure! Practising on a bar is real figure building. Hold on to the bar, rise on your toes, when in a gym. If you can do it, go out of doors and use the limb of a tree for this exercise, and your "limbs" will look good!

That Diet! Everybody talks about diet but very few people really follow any diet. We hear lots about energy-builders these days and the latest is molasses, used as sweetening and especially in milk drinks. Try it, it's good and "good for you."

Accessories! More and more the well dressed women are turning to basic, well cut dresses, with brilliant accessories. Belts with chains at the sides are amusing. Lace, over-the-head veils make any dress fit to go to a party!

Natural! Natural-looking make-up is the order of the day. Match both face powder and foundation to your skin tone. You can "go Dramatic" in choosing lipstick and eye makeup but keep on hand a "natural" Red stick for every day.

PRIMITIVE CULTURE IN JUNGLE

A stone age, pure Indian culture in the jungles of north-east Colombia and northwest Venezuela that never has been touched by civilisation has been described by Preston Holder, anthropologist of the American Museum of Natural History.

In an interview, Holder told how he and his wife had spent nine months last year in the Sierra de Perija Mountains studying the culture of the Valley Bottom Motilones, but had never seen a member of the primitive and elusive tribe.

At the town of Ocaña, only 30 miles from the home of the Valley Motilones, Holder said, no one now living had been in the Motilone country, although tribesmen terrorise neighbouring white and Indian settlements with bow-and-arrow raids.

"Their technological development is comparable to that of the people of the Danube Valley in the year 8,000 B.C.," said Holder. "They are the only group in the world that does not have any dogs. They have no firearms and will not take firearms. They use bows and arrows and won't touch guns."

He added: "The amazing thing is this place is only a day and a half from New York City."—Associated Press.

Russian Geologists Discover Large Oil Reserves In Urals

Soviet geologists have discovered "colossal" reserves of oil in the mineral rich Ural mountains, Russia's new industrial frontier.

The discovery was announced recently following the completion of exhaustive tests in the new industrial region, nearly 1,000 miles east of Moscow.

Exploratory wells were sunk in the Devonian strata last summer, and since then geologists have been working to confirm their surprising discovery.

OCTOPUS TO CLIMB MOUNTAINS

A mountain-climbing octopus, Oscar III, and his trainer, Ivar Haglund, are en route to "climb" the mountain infested waters of the Alaskan Gulf.

The 11,300 foot underwater "sea-mount" Miller is their destination. Discovery of giant submarine peaks 900 miles northwest of Seattle by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic survey is responsible for Haglund's latest stunt.

"Man has still not invented a diving suit to withstand the terrific pressures involved," said Haglund. "So the actual climbing will be done by a scientifically-trained octopus."

"Climb" Down

According to the balding aquarist-owner, Oscar's greatest hazard in scaling Mt. Miller is that he must start from the top and "climb" down.

"Ordinary mountain climbers start off fresh to scale dry land peaks," he said. "My Oscar will have to battle down to terrific pressure depths. At the halfway mark he might falter and fall all the way up to the top."

Oscar, it seems has received rigorous prepping for "Operations Seaweed."

"Twenty-five minutes immersion in Alaskan waters would kill the toughest man. My Oscar loves it. Also he will probably establish a new climbing record. After all, he'll have four more limbs than a man," he pointed out.

The Incentive

The incentive for Oscar, and proof that he reaches the base of Mt. Miller, will be his favourite dish, sea edelweiss.

"Sea edelweiss grows at great depths and is only found by submarine treasurers that uproot the succulent help and throw it to the surface. There fishermen gather it and send it to octopus breeders," said Haglund.

Oscar is at climbing weight, achieved by a two-week starvation diet.

When the expedition glides over the peak of Mt. Miller Oscar will be dropped aboard leashed to a two mile wire.—United Press.

SCIENCE GOES TO THE FARM

Science, which takes no one's word for anything, is ready to test the tastability of vegetables with a couple of mechanically precise instruments.

A "succulometer" and a "tenderometer" have been developed in university laboratories. It has been discovered by Dr. I. C. Haut, head of the Horticulture Department of the University of Maryland.

Both are designed to be used by farmers in determining when vegetables are ready to be picked.

The "tenderometer" shows when green peas reach their scientific peak of ripeness by registering the amount of pressure it takes for the instrument to sheer through a sample pod.

The "succulometer" measures the moisture content of growing maize, and the test is said to be a very good index as to when it is ready for picking.

"The mechanism eliminates the factor of human error," said Professor Haut.—Associated Press.

Germans Lose Weight

The 17,000,000 Germans in the United States zone have lost 1.6 to 2.3 pounds in weight during the past year, the street weighing of 500,000 persons in scattered cities showed.

Dr. Charles E. Brown, medical nutritionist for the American military government, warned that any cut in the present food rations or failure to obtain more foodstuffs would cause further serious deterioration in the nutritional health.

The report showed that the average German has been getting approximately 1,250 calories daily instead of the 1,550 rations planned by the military government. This has been due to shortages of bread, potatoes, milk and other foods, Dr. Brown reported.

Weight losses during March were from one to one and a half pounds, he said.—United Press.

The Planned Economy, a technical magazine, called the Devonian deposits "colossal." It added that the reserves were accessible for easy extraction at a high rate of flow.

Another editor of the magazine announced: "The greatest achievement of Soviet geologists is the discovery of oil in Devonian deposits—in the regions of the Bashkir Assar, of Samarsky Luka and Molotov province."

"The extent of the Devonian deposit over a huge area in conditions of high productivity opens great prospects of development of the mighty oil base in regions between the Volga and the western slopes of the Urals."

One conclusion to be drawn from the discovery was that Moscow's plans to shift an ever-increasing amount of the Soviet production machine to the east had been given a tremendous boost. Soviet geologists already have tapped coal and ore deposits in the Ural region.

Important to Plan

The Planned Economy pointed out that "such growth of production of oil in the eastern regions will contribute to the liquidation of pre-war shortcomings of oil distribution throughout the USSR."

The Devonian deposits also are extremely important in the light of the present five-year plan, the text of which called for "maximum development in eastern regions."

That the Devonian discovery virtually assures the rather high five-year plan goal being met by 1950 seems certain.

Even before strata exploitation began, the eastern area over-produced its quota for the last year by five percent. The southern and western areas, including the rich Baku fields, previously the largest in the Soviet, surpassed their plan by three percent.

What this amounts to in barrels or tons of oil has not been revealed. According to the plan, however, the annual production is to be 35,400,000 tons from all Soviet fields, but the plan does not disclose how that increased production is graduated over intervening years.

Oil Production Figures

In 1940, the Soviet Union made its last annual oil production announcement—31,000,000 tons. Unofficial but probably authentic figures placed the 1943 yield at just below 30,000,000 tons, despite war damage.

The eastern fields provided 12 percent of the Soviet oil production in 1940. The five-year-plan is counting on them to furnish 30 percent by 1950.

Even without Devonian strata production the Ural fields were to increase production in 1950, 1940 by 320 percent and the Volga fields by 1,100 percent.—United Press.

SLEW SEVEN JAPANESE

Fabian San Juan, Filipino rice farmer who slew seven Japanese as a guerrilla fighter, is en route back to his farm to "escape civilisation."

Five foot three inches, the 33-year-old Filipino is a hero of the war against Japan and one of the leading characters in the new book, "Bread and Rice," by Mrs. Doris Rubens Johnston. He was the terror of his American friends, who had him locked up nightly in his hotel room to prevent him going astray during sleep-walking nightmares.

Fabian said he "enjoyed his United States trip very much" but added the great size, noise and hurry of America frightened him and that American food "all tasted alike."

He said he was most anxious to get home. He thought Washington a fine place. There he received \$5,000 back pay as an irregular.

General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine delegate to the United Nations, lauded him as "typifying the nameless thousands of Filipinos who befriended Americans during the war."—United Press.

SINGLE YET MARRIED

Some people in Brazil are legally single, yet married, since the country, which does not allow divorce, permits the granting of a "desquite" or legal separation without the right to remarry.

Fourteen thousand couples were married in Rio de Janeiro last year, while less than 200 were granted "desquites."—Associated Press.



SchoolBook Purge In FrenchZone

One the biggest schoolbook purges in history has ended in French-occupied Germany.

Every text book published in Germany since 1890 was outlawed and removed from circulation as part of the French re-education programme, and 5,000,000 new school books have been substituted.

To accomplish this wholesale classroom clearing, the Black Forest, which is the French zone, yielded thousands of trees for paper making. As a result, the French zone is far ahead of either the British or American in numbers of new, non-militarist school books.

Like everything else in the French zone, this programme was based on the assumption of a 10 to 25 year occupation, according to Mrs. Irene Girou, French joint director of Public Education.

Swiss Texts Used

Newly written or Swiss texts have been provided, she said, for every grade up through the zone's three universities. It was necessary to go back as far as 1880, she declared, "to reach beyond the time when militarism began finding its way into primers for the younger students, and simple problems of addition used guns and soldiers instead of apples and pears."

Mrs. Girou said the French military government has attempted to "liberalise" the teachings of German youth.

In many schools a French student, or assistant teacher has been placed, "not to spy, but to bring German students in contact with the world of art, literature and science outside Germany."—Associated Press.

STATE-OWNED FILM PLAN POSTPONED

A spokesman for the Board of Trade reported recently that consideration of proposals to found a government-owned film industry in Britain has been postponed until later in the year.

A state-owned industry producing films and operating two chains of cinemas competing with existing commercial groups has been suggested by a special committee of the ruling Labour Party.

An announcement said that Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, "discussed the committee's proposals at a purely informal meeting, and he suggested another meeting later in the year when the position of the film industry generally will be more clear."

The London Evening Standard reported that Sir Stafford "surprised" Labour Party leaders by opposing the state film proposals and expressing concern at the "danger of state control in any field of expression or potential mediums of propaganda."

The Board of Trade spokesman said Sir Stafford has not arrived at any decision on the proposals, which call for government-owned and controlled manufacture and production of films, a government renting of films, and two chains of theatres of 250 each to compete with existing commercial groups and giving preference to British films.—Associated Press.

DUTCH GIFT TO COVENTRY

Coventry, one of Britain's most bombed-cities, has received a gift of 6,000 plants, including flowering shrubs and trees, from the Dutch National Committee as an expression of gratitude for Britain's help in the war to Holland.

Bassan Bentinck, of the Dutch Embassy, representing the Ambassador, made the presentation to Mayor G. Briggs after planting the commemorative trees.—Associated Press.

Studying Cure For Rheumatism

Britain's Ministry of Health has been making a concerted attack on chronic rheumatism, one of industry's most costly enemies. It is estimated the affliction claims an annual manpower worth \$100,000,000. Research centres in Britain are being promoted for its study and cure.—Associated Press.

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Atom Men Go Underground

Some of the best diplomatic and scientific brains of the United Nations are striving with grim and patient determination to find a way of atomic life acceptable to all mankind.

They have deserted the spotlight of the public forum for the closed committee room.

For the second time in less than a year, the delegates to the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission have gone, figuratively speaking, underground. They have split into committees to talk over problems which get more complex with each passing day.

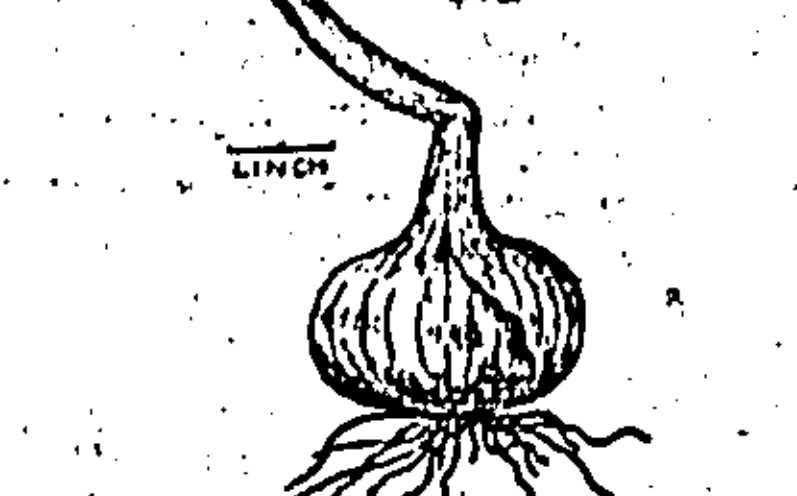
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